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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WESTHAMPTON, MASS.,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

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SELECTMENS' REPORT

For the Year Ending March 1, 1881.

EXPENDITURES.

EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS.

By Henry Hathaway,	\$6 65
“ F. A. Bridgman,	50 36
“ L. L. Rhodes,	45 00
“ E. P. Torrey,	1 50
“ C. C. Bartlett,	24 03
“ H. S. Rhodes,	52 80
“ M. L. Elwell,	54 00
“ A. H. Bridgman,	17 42
“ T. W. Collier,	21 18
“ H. C. Williams,	36 38
“ P. McCarty,	17 53
“ George Burt,	31 00
“ Wm. Slattery,	35 90
“ A. Elwell,	47 56
“ H. W. Montague,	27 78
“ E. P. Lyman,	30 00
“ John Watson,	1 50
“ R. W. Clapp, including tank,	50 76
“ C. C. Bartlett, bridges,	35 00
“ A. G. Jewett, bridges,	27 23— \$613 58

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Ezra French,	158 36
Allen Lewis,	123 17
J. P. Conway,	72 07
W. J. Fish,	50 00— \$403 60

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Abatement of taxes by Thayer fund,	\$30 00
" " to S. E. Searle,	2 25
" " to O. M. Pearle, guardian,	1 25
" " to Etta Reed,	3 94
" " to P. McCarty,	2 00
" " to E. Lemons,	2 00
" " to C. Peltier,	2 00— \$43 44
Discount on taxes,	\$93 07
State tax,	240 00
County tax,	408 05— \$741 12

CONTINGENCIES.

Printing reports and bills,	\$12 15
Water tank,	4 50
Care of Hall and Library,	30 05
Wood and oil for same,	10 41
Ladders and repairs for same,	6 40
Postage and express,	3 25
"Herrick's Town Officer,"	2 50
Road scrapers,	19 50
Perambulating lines,	12 00
C. J. Clark, damages in Cemetery,	6 50
Driving hearse,	20 00
Care of Cemetery,	6 00
Addition to Cemetery,	240 48
Recording births, deaths, etc.	12 25
Recording deeds and mortgages,	1 50
Parish Library, one half dog fund,	21 49

Insurance on school houses,	22 00—	\$430 98
School orders paid,		\$1,144 94

TOWN OFFICER'S FEES.

Auditors,	3 00
T. C. Davenport, Sealer,	5 00
E. A. Metcalf, Constable,	2 00
A. K. Chapman, Constable,	3 00
F. H. Judd, Clerk,	20 00
N. A. Kingsley, Treasurer,	15 00
George Burt, Selectman,	1 00
A. D. Rice, Selectman,	21 00
John Watson, Selectman,	24 75
A. G. Jewett, Selectman,	40 60— \$135 35
 Total Expenditures,	 \$3,513 01

RESOURCES.

Balance from last year,	\$970 90
Amount of taxes assessed,	3358 53
Credit by Treasurer's Book,	709 35—\$5038 78
 Balance March 1, 1881,	 \$1525 77

A. G. JEWETT, }
 JOHN WATSON, }
 A. D. RICE, } Selectmen
 } of
 } Westhampton.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and found them correct with vouchers on file for orders drawn to the amount of three thousand five hundred and thirteen dollars and one cent.

Wm. E. Lyman, }
 A. D. Chamberlin, } Auditors.

Treasurer's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.



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To balance from last year,	\$970 90
To cash received for school books,	5 22
" from Mary E. Norton, Int. on Thayer	
" fund,	84 74
" T. C. Davenport,	2 38
" George Burt,	18 00
" Irene Clark,	12 00
" A. Elwell, for wood lot,	30 00
" Estate of Allen Lewis,	1 00
" School committee,	39 38
" Co. treas., dog fund returned,	42 98
" State treas., corporation tax,	32
" " National Bank tax, 233 43	
" " Relief of soldiers	
" " and sailors,	26 25
" " School Fund,	213 65
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	\$1,680 25
Amount of Assessment,	3,358 53
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Total,	\$5,038 78

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By paid orders of Selectmen,	\$3,513 01
Amount due from Collectors,	803 73
Balance in treasury,	722 04
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	\$5,038 78

N. A. KINGSLEY, Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and found them correct with vouchers for disbursements to the amount of Three thousand five hundred thirteen dollars and one cent, (\$3,513.01.) leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of Seven hundred twenty two dollars and four cents, cash, and a balance due from collectors of eight hundred three dollars and seventy-three cents.

Wm. E. Lyman, }
A. D. Chamberlin, } Auditors.

Auditors' Report.

We have examined the tax list committed to C. C. Loud for the year ending March 1, 1880, and find there is yet to be collected eighty four dollars and eighteen cents, (\$84.18.)

Wm. E. Lyman, }
A. D. Chamberlin, } Auditors.

We have examined the tax list committed to N. A. Kingsley for the year ending March 1, 1881, and find there is yet to be collected Seven hundred nineteen dollars and fifty-five cents, (\$719.55.)

Wm. E. Lyman, }
A. D. Chamberlin, } Auditors.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
WESTHAMPTON, MASS.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

Your School Committee in making their suggestions as required, would say that as a whole our schools for the past year have been decidedly successful. We believe the teachers in charge of them have striven to accomplish the object for which they are employed; that is, to advance their scholars as rapidly as can be done with thoroughness. Thoroughness we believe to be of vastly the most importance. There is a great desire on the part of scholars to pass on as fast as possible without caring to be thorough and we think they are sometimes encouraged in this at home and the capability of the teacher judged of accordingly. Slow and *sure* is oft times a good rule.

It seems to us that the secret of success in the scholar is

in his being thoroughly interested in his work. Parents is not this so with us? If we are not interested in our work we soon find it tedious and irksome. Can we expect more of the child? Therefore such text books, methods and encouragements as tend to keep up the interest in study, is economy in the end. Such books we seek to supply. Such methods the teachers, as well as ourselves, have tried to put in practice; as to the encouragement, that must come largely from home. Make inquiry of your child and ascertain just what he is doing; see to it that he does not get discouraged and that he is sent to school to work, to fit himself or herself for life's work.

We would desire to impress upon the minds of all that not least in importance among the branches to be taught in our schools is that of good behaviour. All other things being equal, that child who is well behaved, kind and polite has much the best prospect of success in the world. This, too, must be seconded by home training, as so much more time is spent at home than at school.

Another inatter, of which we have spoken before, is that of punctual and constant attendance at school. It seems to us that parents are not aware of the injury they inflict on their children in not using every effort to send them to school punctually every day, if possible. A habit of careless shiftlessness may be formed which it will be hard to throw off, as well as the discouragement felt at finding themselves behind their classmates, who have improved the time. Just in this way has many an hour of hard work on the part of the teacher come to naught.—the child's interest all gone! Poor child. Some of our scholars have done better than formerly. In the North West especially we notice with pleasure that not one scholar was tardy during the Spring term. Just here we would thank the friends and patrons of that school for the interest shown in visiting it so often, and we hope they will continue the practice and that it will be imitated in the other schools.

In the North East school there have been so few scholars that we have thought best not to be at the expense of a

school for the Spring and Summer terms, but, instead, have provided transportation for scholars from there to the Center school at an expense of fifteen dollars. The law provides that towns may raise money for such purposes and to this we call your attention for action at the annual town meeting.

The school house on the Hill needs new shingles, and two others need painting, provision for which should be made at this time.

The "Clark Scholarship" prize for the best reader and speller in the Center school, amounting to \$9.65 was awarded to Miss Lilla Montague at the close of the last term. On the first day of May, last, there were 131 children in town between the ages of 5 and 15 years; of these 14 attended the Loudville school; of the remaining 117 there have been 109 in attendance at our schools at some time during the year.

In the following table fractions are discarded.

Terms, Wages and Attendance.

SCHOOLS.	No. of Weeks.	Teacher's wages & board per week.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Tardiness.	No. not Absent.		Winter.	Summer.	Spring.	Winter.	Summer.	Spring.	
						Winter.	Summer.							
Center, -	32	5	5	30	30	24	23	15	3	21	23	27	8	13
Hill, -	32	4	5	19	18	15	14	20	3	16	12	9	4	2
South, -	32	5	5	28	23	12	16	10	15	22	18	15	3	2
North West,	32	5	5	17	19	19	18	16	0	12	17	12	4	9
North East,	14	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0

The following Scholars have not been absent or tardy during the year:—Ellen McCarty, Annie and Mary Whalen, Edwin King.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES.

Loudville School,	\$136 90
Teacher's Salaries,	676 00
Dictionaries,	34 00
Schoolbooks and Crayons,	63 57
New furniture,	24 35
Repairs, Material and care of School houses,	45 32
Making fires,	7 50
Care and sale of School books,	1 00
Fuel,	71 30
Transportation of Scholars,	15 00
Committees' fees, Miss Burt,	5 00
" " E. B. Pratt,	15 00
" " F. H. Judd,	30 00
Balance	158 60
 Total,	 \$1283 54

RESOURCES.

Balance from last year,	\$121 44
Town's appropriation,	800 00
State school fund,	215 65
One half Dog fund,	21 49
Books sold,	34 38
Books sold, account given to Assessors,	20 16
Books sold, charged,	21 10
Books on hand,	44 32
Due of Southampton,	5 00
 Total,	 \$1283 54

Of the balance reported above, is

School books sold and charged	\$41 26
Books on hand,	44 32
Cash not drawn,	73 02
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Total, \$158 60

The bill for Loudville school has not been presented but it will probably absorb most of the above balance.

The school books are in charge of E. B. Pratt and can be obtained of him as needed.

TEACHERS.

CENTER SCHOOL: Spring term, Miss Myra E. Kingsley; Summer term, Miss Myra E. Kingsley; Winter term, Nettie L. Pool.

SOUTH SCHOOL: Spring term, Miss G. Josie King; Summer term, Miss Nettie L. Pool; Winter term, Miss Nellie L. Clapp.

HILL SCHOOL: Spring term, Miss Emma G. Tower; Summer term, Miss Emma G. Tower; Winter term, Mr. Edward H. Montague.

NORTH WEST SCHOOL: Spring term, Miss Fida G. Davis; Summer term, Miss Cora B. Delano; Winter term, Mr. T. Watson Phelps.

NORTH EAST SCHOOL: Winter term, Miss Myra E. Kingsley.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Miss Carrie Burt, term expires	March, 1881.
E. B. Pratt, "	March, 1882.
F. H. Judd, "	March, 1883.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. JUDD, For the Committee.

We have examined the accounts of the school committee and found them correct with vouchers for eleven hundred twenty four dollars and ninety four cents, (\$1,124.94,) leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$73 02.

Wm. E. Lyman, }
A. D. Chamberlin, } Auditors.

